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Chairman Julius Genachowski Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker Commissioner Mignon Clyburn Commissioner Michael J. Copps Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I would like to thank you for the commission's commitment to developing plan 100% broadband for everyone in our country. Your leadership in this area will be critical as we continue to address growing needs in our communities.

At El Centro we serve as a central resource where Latinos and other immigrants can go for assistance. As a local, community based organization we see first hand that these groups often lack access to technology. You at increasing both the availability as well as acceptance of broadband will be most helpful as it helps to level the playing field for our clients.

We also appreciate your efforts to encourage a free and open internet. The internet, as it has developed largely unregulated, provides a vast amount of free information in almost every language imaginable. What a wonderful thing. We urge you though to move carefully in instituting new regulations that could have unintended consequences. Keeping the internet open and free is an absolute must, but new regulations that could hinder investment or make it harder for small content providers would be counterproductive.

Thank you for allowing me to comment, and thank you for taking on these difficult issues.

Sincerely,

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